

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

D O C K E T

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the July 28, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES**

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a “3 Hour, 8 a.m.–5p.m., Monday – Friday, with the exception of District 4 Permit Holders,” restriction on the west side of the 400 block of South Henry Street where parking is currently unrestricted
5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to replace a 33-foot loading zone with a 22-foot disability parking space in front of The Alexandria Shoe Repair and Orthopedic Service store on North Fayette Street
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NEXT TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 27, 2014

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MONDAY JULY 28TH, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
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COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, and Kevin Beekman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary White and Elizabeth Jones

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Traffic Studies Engineer, Faye Dastgheib, Principal Parking Planner, Hillary Poole, Complete Street Coordinator and Chris Dowling, Traffic Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
2. Nomination of Vice Chair: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman, to elect Mr. Schuyler as Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Approval of the June 23, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman, to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** Hillary Poole updated the Board on Complete Streets projects, including the City's pavement plan for FY2015.

PUBLIC HEARING:

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on Reed Avenue at the southwest corner of Reed Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this issue.

DISCUSSION: Hillary Poole presented this issue to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to remove one parking space on Reed Avenue to provide for an ADA compliant bus stop. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to reserve 10 parking spaces along the west side of Reinekers Lane for vendors of the Upper King Street Farmers Market. A "No Parking, Vendors Only, 1 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursdays," restriction would be installed for the 10 spaces during the months of June through October

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Kathy Murphy spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Bob Garbacz and Faye Dastgheib presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler, to approve the request to reserve 10 parking spaces along the west side of Reinekers Lane for vendors of the Upper King Street Farmers Market. A "No Parking, Vendors Only, 1 p.m.

– 8 p.m., Thursdays,” restriction would be installed for the 10 spaces during the months of June through October, and encouraged City staff to look into installing permanent or temporary signage at this locatoin. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a 70 foot, “No Parking, Loading Zone, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Monday through Friday,” restriction in front of Del Ray Pizzeria at 2218 Mt. Vernon Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Sean Snyder of Del Ray Pizzeria spoke in favor of the request but asked the Board to approve the loading zone for 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

DISCUSSION: Faye Dastgheib presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman, to install the loading zone from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, in front of Del Ray Pizzeria and to reach out to the community to ensure that there are no issues with starting the loading lone restriction at 7 a.m. instead of 11 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to relocate two Zipcar parking spaces from 1600 block of Prince Street to the corner of Daingerfield Road and Diagonal Road, as well as from the 700 block of Jefferson Street to the City’s metered parking lot on the 900 block of King Street

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this issue.

DISCUSSION: Faye Dastgheib presented this issue to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to approve staff’s recommendation to relocate the two Zipcar spaces. The motion carried unanimously.

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DOCKET ITEM: **4**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install a “3 Hour, 8 a.m.–5p.m., Monday – Friday, with the exception of District 4 Permit Holders,” restriction on the west side of the 400 block of South Henry Street where parking is currently unrestricted

APPLICANT: Jamie Ray Smith

LOCATION: 400 South Henry Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the City Manager to approve a “3 Hour, 8 a.m.–5p.m., Monday – Friday, with the exception of District 4 Permit Holders,” restrictions on the west side of the 400 block of South Henry Street where parking is currently unrestricted.

DISCUSSION:

The residents of the 400 block of South Henry Street have sent a petition to the City of Alexandria requesting that this block be included in the District 4 zone for Residential Permit Parking, and that a 3 Hour parking restriction be installed on this block face. The petition can be seen on the following pages. Please see Figure 4a for location of the request.

The 400 block of South Henry Street is currently unrestricted parking. Due to the proximity of the block to the King Street Metro station and the lack of any parking restrictions, many vehicles are observed parking here for extended periods of time. There are townhomes on both side of this blockface. The east side of the block currently has a “3 Hour, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday – Friday, with the exception of District 4 Permit Holders,” restriction. The west side is currently unrestricted. A survey was conducted to determine whether the block face is qualified to be designated as a permit parking block. The following criteria must be met:

1. More than 75 percent of the on-street parking spaces should be occupied at the time of the survey.
2. The number of vehicles parked on the block and owned by non-residents of Alexandria at the time of the survey should exceed 25 percent of the total number of vehicles parked on the block. This means that the survey should demonstrate that at least 25 percent of the parked vehicles do not display a valid City windshield tag or decal.

The study showed that the west side of the 400 block of South Henry Street meets the requirements for a Residential Permit Parking block. The study was conducted on two regular weekdays. Parking occupancy for both days was 94 percent, with the percent of out of Alexandria vehicles being 67 percent one day and 73 percent the next. Staff recommends installing a “3 Hour, 8 a.m.–5p.m., Monday – Friday, with the exception of District 4 Permit Holders.”

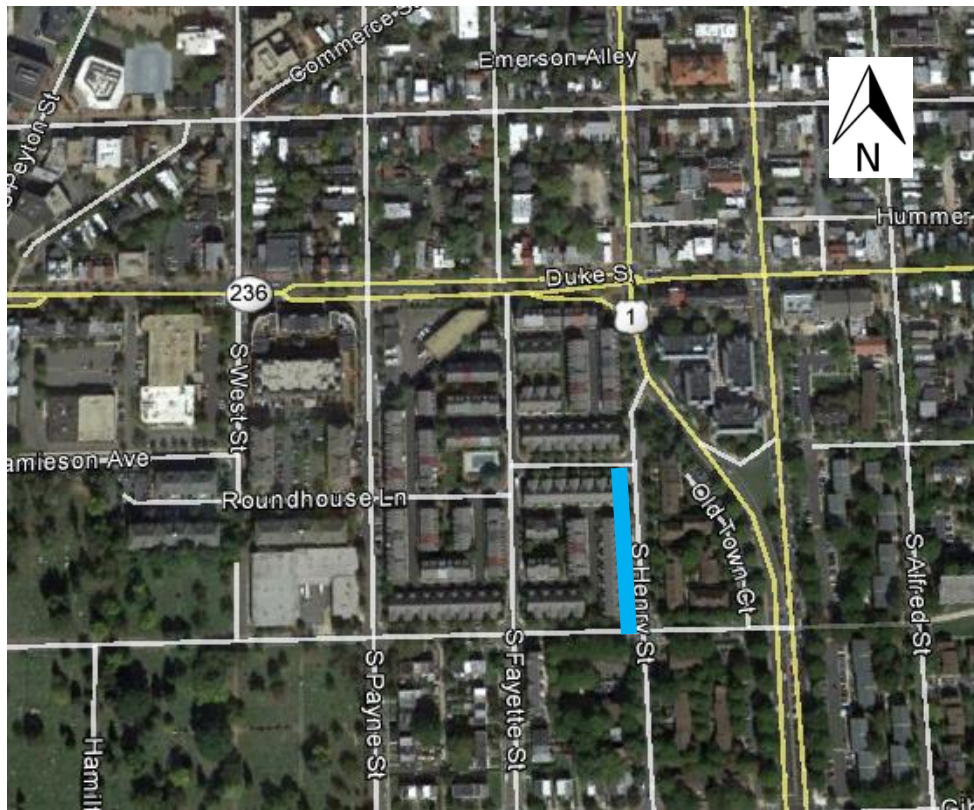


Figure 4a shows the location of the request

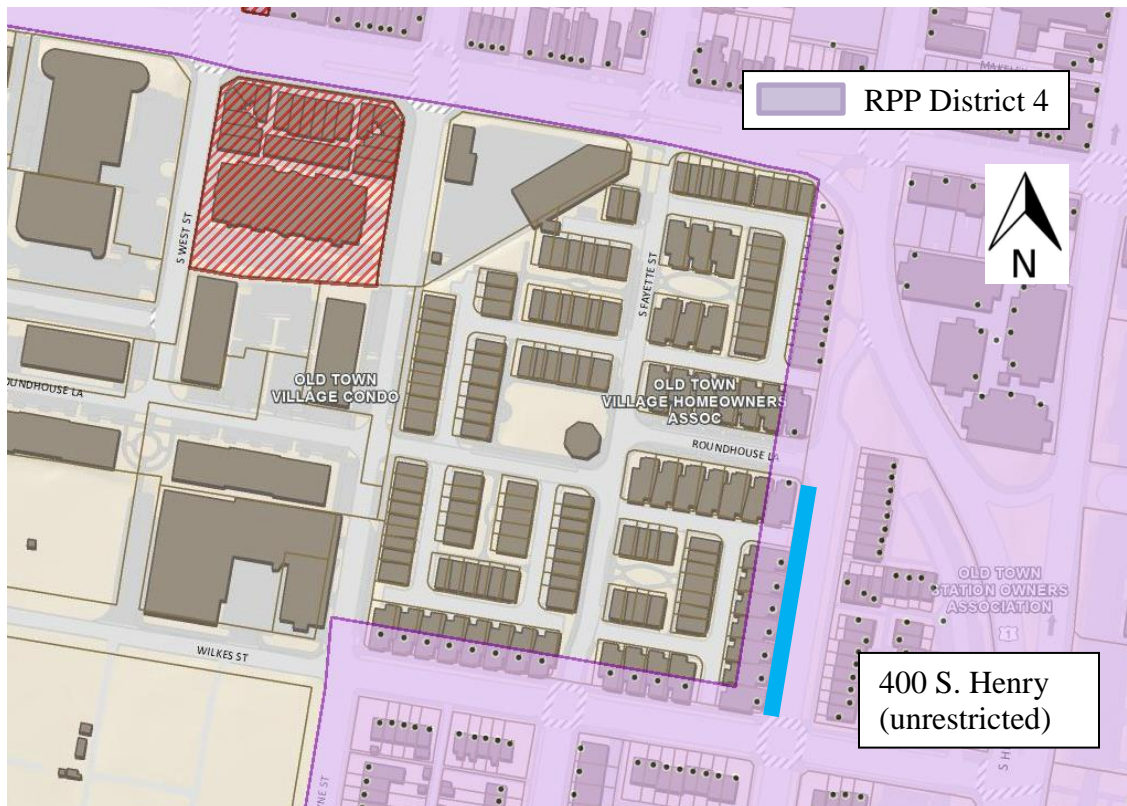


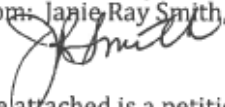
Figure 4b shows the District 4 RPP zone and the location of 400 S. Henry Street

Parking Restriction Petition

July 28, 2014

To: Robert Garbacz
City of Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services

From: Janie Ray Smith, Resident of 403 South Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314


The attached is a petition for residential permit parking restrictions for the west side of 403 S. Henry Street in Alexandria, VA 22314. Accompanying the petition are pictures taken of cars lining the street, particularly those from other jurisdictions. The street is the only one in a multi-block radius that has open parking with no restrictions. As a consequence, the street has become a magnet for commuters who either walk 6 blocks to the metro, office buildings at Carlyle, or use the street for parking while car pooling in addition to long term parkers who use the street as free parking while traveling from National Airport or by train. With the newly approved restrictions on S. Payne Street for the same reasons, we remain the only haven for free parking during the workday. This is revenue the city loses. Over the last 6 months we have had the police ticket long-term parkers who were there two to five weeks.

We are asking for 3 hour restrictions due to lack of ability to park trucks and medium size car vans in our small garages, to have contractors and delivery trucks park on our side of the street, and to have guests that stay more than 3 hours. In addition, in homes where there are more than 2 people, a third adult must park somewhere else and for short term only unless they snag a place very early in the morning or late afternoon.

The street starts filling up with commuters about 7:30 AM and is not open again until between 5:30 and 6:00 PM, and sometimes later. Plus some residents on the east side of S. Henry park on the west side to keep from turning their cars around as the north entrance to S. Henry is a one way and they do not want to park on their side or in their parking lot in the day time as well as evenings and weekends.

We suggest your investigation (if it is conducted in August) occur between 8:00 and 5:00 Monday through Thursday as fewer commuters park here on Fridays for all day.

Thank you for your assistance.

Cc: Chris Dowling
Faye Dastgheib

**Residential District Permit Parking Petition
Alexandria, Virginia**

We the undersigned residents hereby request that the City post three-hour, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., residential **district 4 parking restrictions on the west side of the 400 block of S. Henry Street**. We understand that we will need to pay \$20.a year for a permit to park and that we will need to obtain visitor and guest permits.

7 Townhomes (401-413) in Old Town Village comprise the 400 block of South Henry Street in Alexandria, VA 22314

<u>Resident Signature / Date</u>	<u>Resident Address</u>
1 Susan Allison / Forrest Allison	413 S. Henry St
2 Daniel Smith / Walter Manier	403 S. Henry St.
3 Donald Wheeler / C Wheeler	409 S. Henry St.
4 Gary Poole	407 S. Henry St.
5 [Signature]	401 S. Henry St. (Steve Neo)
6 [Signature]	411 S. Henry Street (Kris DAVI)
7 Ralph [Signature]	411 S. HENRY STREET (Ralph D)

Reasons for our Request

1. Residents, residents' guests, and repair and delivery vehicles are unable to park on South Henry unless they park between 6:30 PM and 7:30 AM the following morning, as the street is the only open parking in a multi-block radius and is used continually by commuters. The **east side of the 400 block of South Henry is restricted to 3 hour parking** and we may not park there.

2. Due to our proximity to the King Street Metro station, weekday parking along both the west sides of the 400 block of South Henry is overtaken daily by commuters from localities outside our area, e.g., Carlyle and Eisenhower, Fairfax County, D.C., and Maryland. Residents of South Henry and their visitors and contractors - are prevented from using their own street to park their vehicles. During some times, occupants of two or more vehicles have been observed car-pooling together after parking on S. Henry. Our garages will not hold 2 average size cars, especially vans and trucks and it is necessary to have parking for more than 2 persons' vehicles in some homes.

3. Residents from areas outside of Alexandria have used this block to "garage" their cars while they are out of town, and for longer periods of time up to weeks at a time, without moving their vehicles. This has been especially true during holiday seasons

when people from outside the area, park their vehicles, take luggage with them in a taxi that picks them up and are gone for weeks at a time. This past Christmas, one vehicle parked on S. Henry for over 4 weeks and received 2 parking tickets upon a S. Henry residents' call.

4. Three-hour parking signs are already posted along nearby Wilkes Street, the east side of South Henry and the 500 and 600 blocks of S. Henry. The same reasons for implementing those restrictions, including the ability of resident taxpayers to park near their homes, also apply to this limited area on South Henry St. Time limited parking along this block of S. Henry would still permit people to park in the evening and overnight hours while not preventing local residents in the immediate area use of the street.

5. Proposed development on the west end of Wilkes Street will create 22 more townhomes with no public parking and a need for additional guest parking.

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DOCKET ITEM: **5**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to replace a 33-foot loading zone with a 22-foot disability parking space in front of The Alexandria Shoe Repair and Orthopedic Service store on North Fayette Street

APPLICANT: The Alexandria Shoe Repair and Orthopedic Service

LOCATION: 124 N. Fayette Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to replace a 33-foot loading zone with a 22-foot disability parking space in front of The Alexandria Shoe Repair and Orthopedic Service store on North Fayette Street.

DISCUSSION:

The loading zone in front of 124 N. Fayette Street has been there for over 10 years and is not being used. Staff has observed this and discussion with the immediate community support this as well. The owner of Alexandria Shoe Repair and Orthopedic Service, located right next door to the property that the loading zone is in front of, stated that the store who requested the loading zone moved out of the City a few years back. The Alexandria Shoe Repair and Orthopedic Service located at 124 N. Fayette Street is requesting to add a disability parking space due to the nature of his business. The store has a lot of persons with disabilities visitors, and by removing the loading zone and replacing it with a disability parking space it would improve accessibility of patrons with disabilities to this store and the immediate area. There is currently one disability parking space on this block directly in front of the Church at 110 N Fayette Street, but it is for Sundays only. There is a 2 Hour, 8a.m.-5p.m., Monday through Friday, parking restriction on the remainder of this block face.

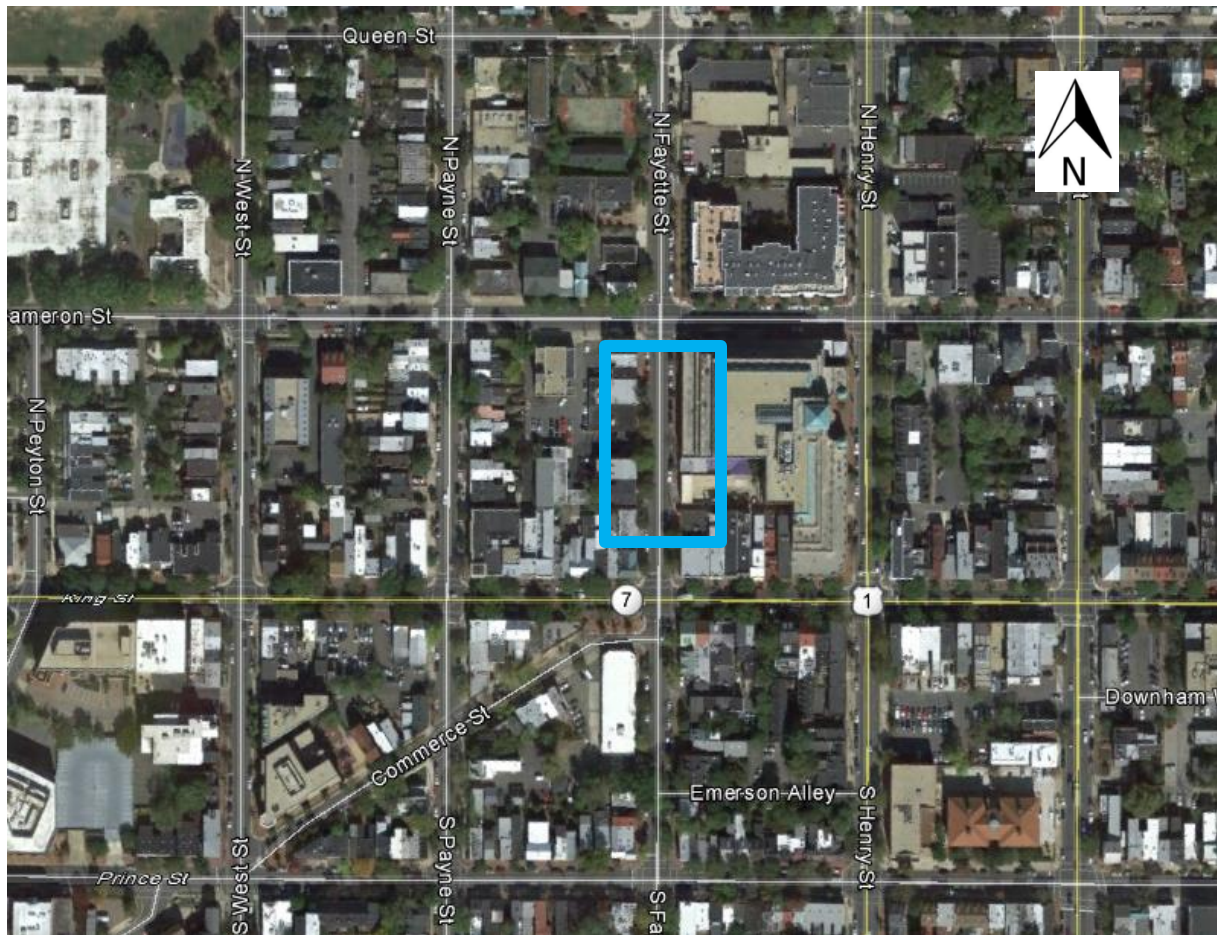


Figure 5a shows the location of the request

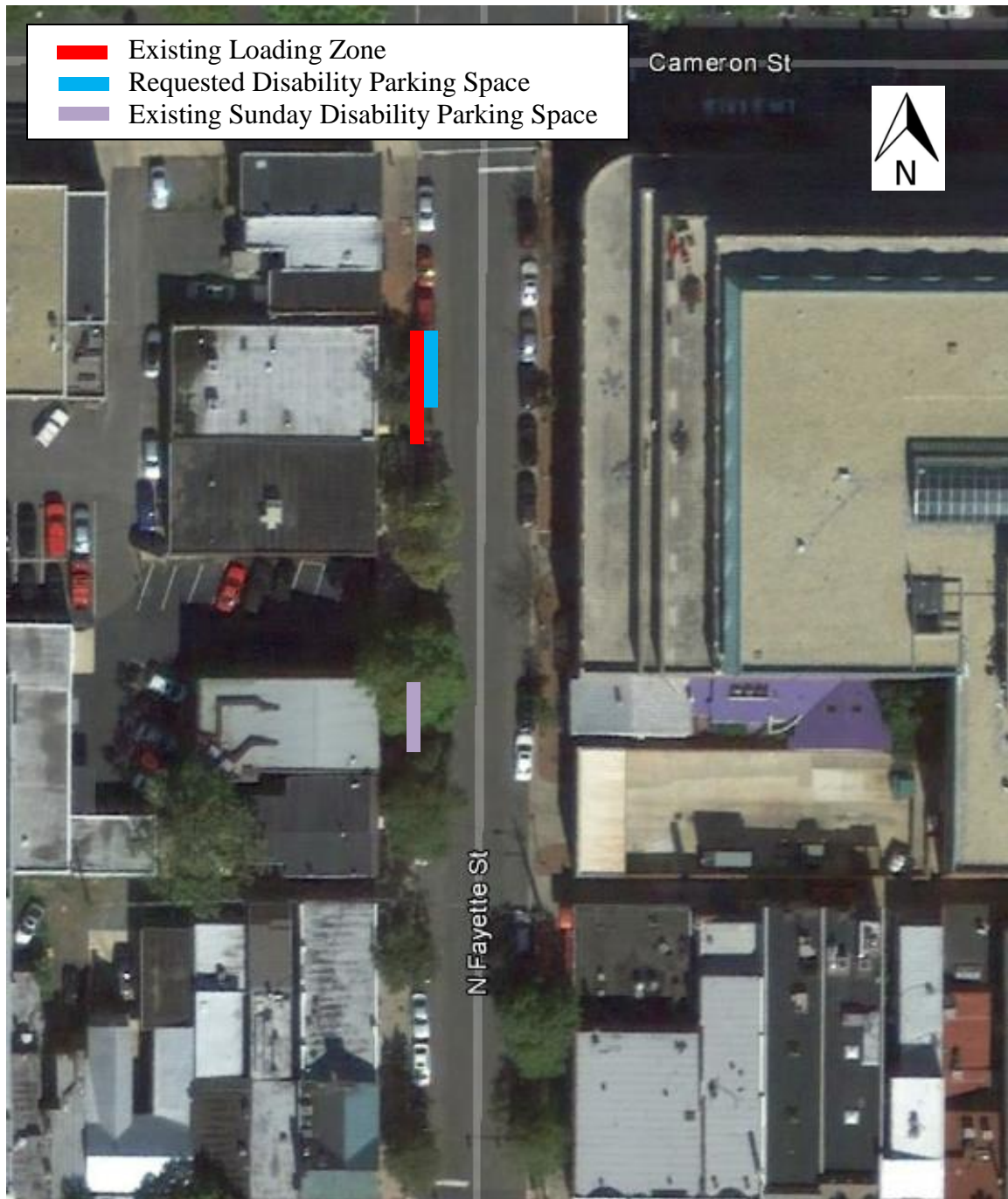


Figure 5b shows the existing and requested parking conditions

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DOCKET ITEM: 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on the west side of Dewitt Avenue on the southwest corner of the intersection of Dewitt Avenue and E. Windsor Avenue in order to allow for sufficient room for a fire apparatus to complete a safe turn

APPLICANT: Ms. Renee Adams

LOCATION: Dewitt Avenue and E. Windsor Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to remove one parking space on the west side of Dewitt Avenue on the southwest corner of the intersection of Dewitt Avenue and E. Windsor Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

The Potomac Ambulance Station is currently located on the 200 block of E. Windsor Avenue. See Figure 6a for the location of this station. While fire trucks are no longer housed at this station, they still travel to and from this station to fill their gas tanks since there are no underground gas tanks at the new fire station at Potomac Yards. The streets in the Del Ray community, even though they only allow parking on one side typically, are still very narrow to maneuver for fire apparatuses. Should a vehicle park along Dewitt Avenue too close to the intersection of Dewitt and E. Windsor, it creates a turning movement difficult for a fire apparatus to complete. Recently a vehicle parked too close to the intersection in the described spot, and the fire apparatus was forced to go up on the curb on the northwest corner of the intersection, in order to complete the turn, damaging the curb and the storm drain at that corner. The applicant has stated in her request that this has not been the first time this corner had been damaged.

A “No Parking Here to Corner” sign would prevent vehicles from parking too close to the intersection, and allow a fire apparatus more room to safely complete this turning movement. Please see Figure 6b for an illustration of this recommendation. Staff has reached out to the Alexandria Fire Department, who visited the location and support this request. Staff also sent out an email informing the Del Ray Citizens Association of this request, and has not received any objection for removing one parking space at this intersection.

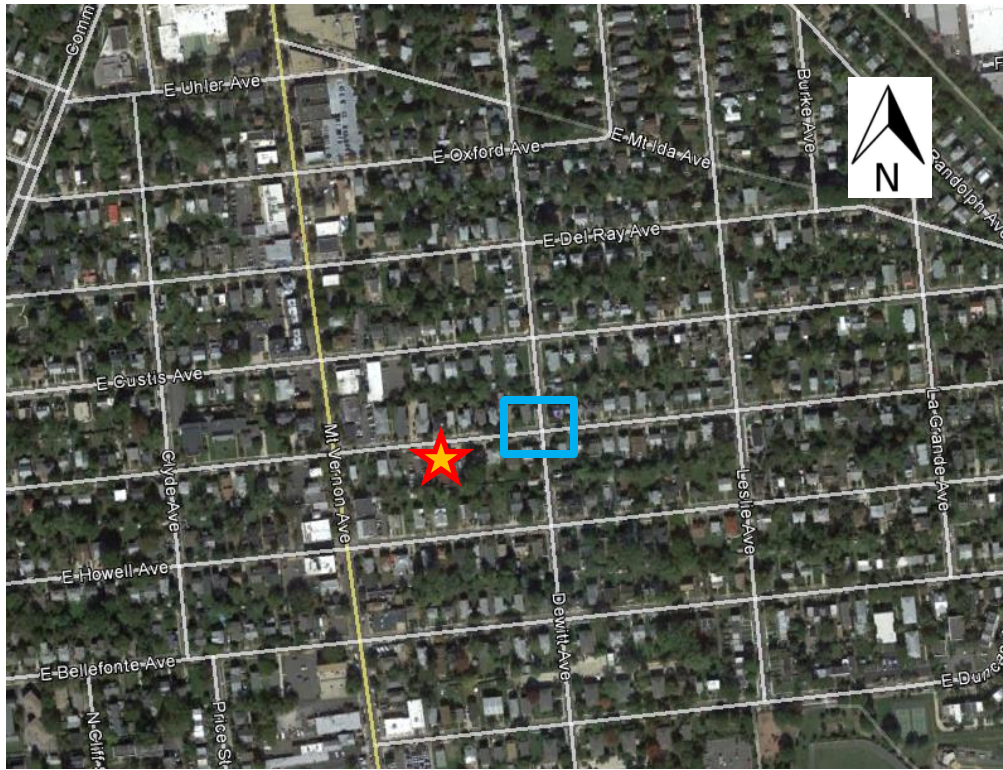


Figure 6a shows the location of the request and the location of the Potomac Ambulance Station



Figure 6b shows the location of the recommended parking removal on the SW corner of Dewitt Ave and E. Windsor Ave and the turning movement fire apparatuses must complete.

Hello Mr. Dowling,

Thank you for following up on my request to install a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign at the intersection of Dewitt and Windsor, southwest corner. Actually, I don't believe this involves removing a parking spot at all. I have observed over time that four (4) cars are able to comfortably park in the area between the intersection and my driveway on Dewitt. However, sometimes a vehicle driver parks close to the corner even when he/she could comfortably park farther from the corner. Often there is no one else parked in that area at all when the person parks too close to the corner.

The reason for my request is NOT personal. The Potomac ambulance station (previously also firehouse) is on my block of E. Windsor (200 block). While the fire trucks are not housed at the station any longer, they still must return to gas up the fire trucks at the station since there is no underground gasoline tank at the new fire station at Potomac Yards. The long hook and ladders (requiring a man steering in the back) drive from Monroe Ave up Dewitt to turn onto Windsor to go gas up at the Potomac station. The long truck requires significant space to get around the corner, and when a vehicle is parked too close to the corner, they are unable to get around without having to go up onto the curb on the northwest corner of the intersection. There is also a storm drain as part of that curb since the street slopes down toward that intersection and rain must drain there.

Recently, a long firetruck was attempting to go around this corner as I've described. A vehicle was parked too close to the intersection at the southwest corner on Dewitt, and the firetruck was forced to go up onto the curb on the northwest corner to avoid hitting the vehicle. This action caused a concrete chunk to break off of the curb and also a split in the concrete to occur.

Several years ago when vehicles parked too close to the southwest corner of E. Windsor (in front of my house... where they no longer park), a long firetruck was unable to round the corner without going up onto the aforementioned storm drain and curb... and the storm drain was smashed along with the curb. This happened three times in one year with the city having to come repair the damage each time. It had also happened two times the year before that... with the city having to come spend taxpayer money to repair the damage. In addition, once before that, when a neighbor had parked too close to the Stop sign and southwest corner of Windsor, his vehicle was damaged by a fire truck attempting to round the corner.

Currently, city maintenance is waiting to repair the current damage to the storm drain until the parking situation is resolved. There's no point in repairing the curb only to have it damaged again. Sometimes vehicles are not parked too close to the intersection, and the fire trucks are able to round the corner without problems. A "No Parking Here to Corner" sign would simply remind people not to park too close to the intersection, and believe it would still allow the same number of vehicles to park in the section of street I've described. It would just remind people to park appropriately.

My neighbors on the northwest corner of the intersection have been aware of this problem and desired the resolution I've requested, and if you wish, I'll ask them to contact you also.

I hope this explanation has been helpful. If I can provide a drawing of the intersection or in any way help to resolve this problem with any additional explanation, please let me know.

Thank you. I hope this can be resolved soon since Dale Norman of the Dept of Transportation hopes to be able to fix the damaged curbing, etc while the equipment is in the Del Ray area to replace other curbing. He and I have spoken about this issue.

Sincerely,
Renee Adams
703-836-0361
221 E Windsor Ave
Alexandria, VA 22301

From: Elisa Foulk <elisalyn@msn.com>
To: Chris Dowling
Cc:
Subject: Street sign

Hi Chris!!

I am a neighbor of Renee Adams. I just wanted to support her request for "no parking from here to corner."
Thanks!

Lisa Foulk

Hi Chris,

My good friend Renee let me know that she's requesting a no parking sign on the corner of Windsor and Dewitt, so I thought I'd add my two cents. I definitely would like to see a sign, or a painted curb there. That spot gets an extra car crammed into it far too often!

It's a hazard to me on my bicycle when I can't see around the corner (and many cars only hesitate for the stop sign), it's even worse for drivers who are seated low to the ground making the turn *and* there isn't enough space to turn with another car waiting at the stop sign. Plus those big ladder trucks have enough trouble squeezing around the corner as it is, and it's difficult to see a pedestrian waiting to cross right behind a car parked there.

I particularly notice the problem on our corner, but I suspect other intersections and areas within a block of Mt. Vernon Ave have the same problem with over-parking on busy weekend evenings.

Thank you!

Elli Ludwigson
312 E Windsor Ave